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Report on rats from city wharf and Chinese, Japanese, and Latin quarters examined during the week ended August 22, 1903.

The following is received, under date of August 24, from Assistant Surgeon Currie, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue:

Number of rats caught alive	34
Number found dead	25
Number of rats found on steamships in harbor	43
Number showing lesions of phosphorous poisoning	0
Number showing pest infection	0

Fatal case of yellow fever on schooner Henrietta J. Powell at Gulf Quarantine from Vera Cruz.

BILOXI, Miss., September 1, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Schooner *Henrietta J. Powell*, fifteen days from Vera Cruz, mate with yellow fever, twelve days, died eight hours after arrival.

GRUBBS.

Inspection service, Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex.—Acting Assisting Surgeon Alexander reports, August 22, 1903, as follows: Week ended August 22, 1903. Inspection Mexican Central passengers, 214; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific passengers, 17; inspection Mexican immigrants, 120; inspection (special) of 6 passengers, 4 from Vera Cruz and 2 from Tampico, who had been absent from port of infection more than 15 days; disinfection, soiled linen imported for laundry, 439 pieces; disinfection of baggage of 6 passengers; vaccination, 6.

Laredo, Tex.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports, August 21 to September 1, 1903, as follows:

Week ended August 15, 1903: Number passenger trains entering from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on trains entering from Mexico inspected, 643; immigrants inspected, 82; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 12; 15 persons detained on account of not being required time from inspected place; 7 trunks disinfected. Supervised disinfection of 6 Pullman sleeping cars.

Week ended August 22, 1903: Number passenger trains entering from Mexico inspected, 14; persons inspected on trains from Mexico, 473; immigrants inspected, 60; vaccinated upon entry, 8; 4 trunks and 1 bundle of baggage disinfected during week; persons detained from Tampico, 2; Vera Cruz, 4; Cordova, 1. Supervised disinfection of 8 Pullman sleeping cars.

Inspection at ferries in vicinity of Laredo.

August 21, 1903.—To-day four persons, three days from Vera Cruz, arrived on morning train at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. They had some

baggage. Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service guard detected them. It appears they crossed to this side one by one during the day on skiffs or by ferry a short distance below footbridge, but were detected in city by immigration detective and taken to detention camp. Their baggage had not as yet arrived. They had arranged to have it sent to a hotel on this side. I informed hotel keeper and told him if baggage arrived during the night to have it sent to detention camp for disinfection, as it was from Vera Cruz. Two of these persons were naturalized Americans of Greek nationality; others were Greeks not naturalized. They informed me that they learned on train that they would not be allowed entry on railroad train or footbridge, so they watched their chance and came over singly by skiff. They had been told in Nuevo Laredo, where the skiffs were let. I therefore wired bureau authority to nominate two guards to watch these skiffs or ferries. There are several in neighborhood of city.

[NOTE.—Dr. Hamilton was authorized to employ two additional guards for ferries.]

August 22, 1903.—Temporary guards, two in number, placed on duty to-day; one at most frequent skiff ferry; the other will be one night at detention camp watching detained persons, and he will be sent to-morrow to notify all skiffs, not landing where I have a guard placed to inspect them, not to carry passengers from Mexico to this side. This guard, in conjunction with United States inspector, will see that skiffs do not land passengers except only at one designated place.

Yellow fever at Linares, Mexico—Reported present at Monterey.

TELEGRAMS.

LAREDO, TEX., *August 27, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

There have been 14 deaths from yellow fever at Linares August 24. Yellow fever is now present in Teran, 50 (miles from) Monterey. There is an uneasy feeling prevailing Monterey. It is rumored 2 cases suspected yellow fever at Monterey. Think disease was brought by refugees and other passengers from Linares.

HAMILTON.

Yellow fever at Monterey—Originated at Linares.

LAREDO, TEX., *August 29, 1903.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

One case suspected yellow fever at hotel, Monterey. August 25, taken hospital, Monterey. August 26, taken yellow-fever hospital near Victoria. There is 1 case reported at Monterey; reliable. Originated Linares. Gave information to State health authorities of Texas.

HAMILTON.